Clean Version of the Entire Set of Pending Claims

<u>WHAT IS CLAIMED IS</u>:

1. (Herein Twice Amended)   A POS transaction system comprising:
a keypad;
a circuit for serving up content to the customer; and
a link, communicatively connecting the keypad and the customer-interaction circuit.

2. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim 1, wherein the keypad comprises
a keypad for interacting with a cashier; and
wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
a circuit for interacting with the customer and not the cashier.

3. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim 1, wherein the link comprises
a link for communicating a dollar amount of a transaction between the keypad and the customer-interaction circuit.

4. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim 1, wherein the keypad comprises
a display.

5. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim 1, wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
accessories including one from the following set of accessories: smart-card reader, magnetic-strip reader and biometric-information circuit, check reader and receipt printer.

6. (Once Amended)   The transaction system of claim 1, wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
a port for connecting via a communications link to a remote service provider.

7. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim **1**, wherein the transaction system comprises only one port for connecting via a communications link to any remote service provider.

8. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim **1**, wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
                    a virtual PIN pad.

9. (Previously Once Amended) The transaction system of claim 8, wherein the customer-interaction circuit is programmed to capture a personal iidentification number (PIN) by means of the virtual PIN pad.

10. (Previously Once Amended)   The transaction system of claim **1**, wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
                    virtual paper.

11. (Previously Once Amended)   The transaction system of claim 10, wherein the customer-interaction circuit is programmed to capture a signature by means of the virtual paper.

12. (Previously Once Amended)   A point of sale comprising:
            a cash register; and
            the transaction system of claim **1**,
wherein the cash register and the transaction system are co–located but are not communicatively coupled.

13. (Twice Amended Herein)   A method for authorizing a transaction at a POS location, the method comprising:
            engaging in a transaction at a POS location, thereby generating a dollar amount for the transaction;
            entering that transaction dollar amount into a keypad;
            then communicating the transaction dollar amount from the keypad to a customer-interaction circuit;

then communicating the transaction dollar amount from the keypad to a customer-interaction circuit;

then communicating details of the transaction, including the dollar amount, to a remote service provider for authorization; and

during the step of entering and both steps of communicating, serving up content to the customer at the customer-interaction circuit.

14. (Never Amended)   The method of claim **13**, wherein, between the steps of communicating, the following step is performed:

displaying the transaction dollar amount to the customer-interaction circuit for the customer; and

receiving approval from the customer for the transaction dollar amount.

15. (Never Amended)   The method of claim **13**, wherein the step of communicating details comprises:

communicating transaction details to a payment processor.

Claim Rewriting with All Changes Included

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1.   (Twice Amended) A POS transaction system comprising:
a keypad;
a circuit for ~~interacting with a~~serving up content to the customer; and
a link, communicatively connecting the keypad and the customer-
interaction circuit.

2.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the
keypad comprises
a keypad for interacting with a cashier; and
wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
a circuit for interacting with the customer and not the cashier.

3.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the link
comprises
a link for communicating between the keypad and the customer-
interaction circuit a dollar amount of a transaction.

4.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the
keypad comprises
accessories including one member of the following set of accessories:
check reader, display and receipt printer.

5.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the
customer-interaction circuit comprises
accessories including one member of the following set of accessories:
smart-card reader, magnetic-strip reader and biometric scanners.

6.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the
customer-interaction circuit comprises
a port for connecting via a communications link to a remote service
provider.

7.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 6, wherein the transaction terminal comprises only one port for connecting via a communications link to any remote service provider.

8.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the customer-interaction circuit comprises
          a virtual keypad.

9.   (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 8, wherein the customer-interaction circuit is programmed to capture a personal identifier number (PIN) by means of the virtual keypad.

10. (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 1, wherein the customer -interaction circuit comprises
          virtual paper.

11. (Once Amended) The transaction terminal of claim 10, wherein the customer-interaction circuit is programmed to capture a signature by means of the virtual paper.

12. (Once Amended) A transaction system comprising:
          a cash register; and
          the transaction terminal of claim 1,
wherein the cash register and the transaction terminal are co–located at a POS location but are not communicatively coupled.

13. (Twice Amended) A method for authorizing a transaction at a POS location, the method comprising:
          engaging in a transaction at a POS location, thereby generating a dollar amount for the transaction;
          entering that transaction dollar amount into a keypad;

then communicating details of the transaction, including the dollar amount, to a remote service provider for authentication; and

during the step of entering and both steps of communicating, <u>serving up content to the</u>~~interacting with the~~ customer at the customer-interaction circuit.

14.   (Once Amended) The method of claim **13**, wherein, between the steps of communicating, the following step is performed:

displaying the transaction dollar amount to the customer-interaction circuit for the customer; and

receiving approval from the customer for the transaction dollar amount.